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As the remnants of tropical storm Hermine move through Norman on Wednesday and Thursday residents are asked to avoid flood prone areas.

The National Weather Service has issued a flash flood watch for much of Oklahoma including Norman, which should remain in effect until Thursday morning. Rain in the area will increase later today with the heavier storms occurring on Wednesday. The potential exist for some locations in our area to see several inches of rain causing flooding in the lower lying areas.

City crews are monitoring the weather conditions and are ready to respond if conditions deteriorate.

Norman Emergency Management urges residents to respect all road-closed barriers and never attempt to go around them; they are placed for your safety. Residents are encouraged to review the flood safety tips below:

### During a Flood

If a flood is likely in your area, you should:

- Listen to the radio or television for information.
- Be aware that flash flooding can occur. If there is any possibility of a flash flood, move immediately to higher ground. Do not wait for instructions to move.
- Be aware of streams, drainage channels, canyons, and other areas known to flood suddenly. Flash floods can occur in these areas with or without such typical warnings as rain clouds or heavy rain.

If you must prepare to evacuate, you should do the following:

- Secure your home. If you have time, bring in outdoor furniture. Move essential items to an upper floor.
- Turn off utilities at the main switches or valves if instructed to do so. Disconnect electrical appliances. Do not touch electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water.

If you have to leave your home, remember these evacuation tips:

- Do not walk through moving water. Six inches of moving water can make you fall. If you have to

walk in water, walk where the water is not moving. Use a stick to check the firmness of the ground in front of you.

- Do not drive into flooded areas. If floodwaters rise around your car, abandon the car and move to higher ground if you can do so safely. You and the vehicle can be quickly swept away.

### **Driving Flood Facts**

The following are important points to remember when driving in flood conditions:

- Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars causing loss of control and possible stalling.
- A foot of water will float many vehicles
- Two feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles including sport utility vehicles (SUV's) and pick-ups.
- If you cannot see the road, do not drive in it. Even if the water appears shallow enough to cross, do not try it. Water hides dips in the road. Worse yet, there may be no road at all under the water. Flooding can scour away the entire road and a significant amount of ground beneath.